

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

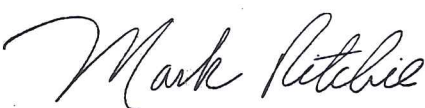
- WHEREAS: Corporal Harold A. Evans, born on May 16, 1928, in Linsell Township, Minnesota, was reported missing in action on December 12, 1950, while serving in the United States Army in the Korean War, and his surviving family has been waiting sixty-three years for his return and proper memorial; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Harold A. Evans moved with his family to Shelton, Washington, in 1945, where he joined the United States Army; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Harold A. Evans served in the United States Army during the Korean War with Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 31<sup>st</sup> Regimental Combat Team. Corporal Evans communicated with his family for the last time in a letter home dated Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1950; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Harold A. Evans gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero at twenty-two years of age, when his unit engaged in battle with enemy forces east of the Chosin Reservoir near Sinhung-ri, South Hamgyong Province, North Korea. After engaging in battle, members of the 31<sup>st</sup> Regimental Combat Team, historically known as Task Force Faith, began a fighting withdrawal to a more defensible position. Following the battle, Corporal Evans was reported missing; and
- WHEREAS: At the time of his death, Corporal Harold A. Evans was survived by his parents, Axel and Charlotte; and siblings, Harry, Myrtle, Glenn, Margaret, Helen, and Kenneth, all of whom were reunited with Harold upon their own passing. Harold is remembered today by many loving family members and friends; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Harold A. Evans was awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and Combat Infantryman's Badge; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Harold A. Evans' remains were recovered from North Korea, along with those of many other service members, in the early 1990s, and identified in September 2013. His interment with full military honors will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2013, at Greenwood Cemetery, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Corporal Harold A. Evans, sixty-three years after his death, for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and the United States of America, with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, October 12, 2013, in honor and remembrance of Corporal Harold A. Evans.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State the one hundred and fifty-sixth.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE